

April 24, 22006; Agenda Item No. 18

Resolution No. 06-33

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
OF PROPOSITION 50 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS AND INTERPRETATION OF LAND, WATER AND
WILDLIFE RESOURCES IN THE BALLONA WETLANDS PORTION OF THE
SANTA MONICA BAY WATERSHED

WHEREAS, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204 (c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects, Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for public access and conservation education; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive ranger program at the Ballona Wetlands will enhance safe public access and promote conservation education of children from urban areas that lack access to natural areas; and

WHEREAS, a non-profit grant program will support and expand the existing conservation education programs offered by non-profit organizations at the Ballona Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project protects land, water and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the environmental impact report provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
2. AUTHORIZES a grant from the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects, Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act (Proposition 50) in the amount not to exceed \$316,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for public access and interpretation of land, water and wildlife resources in the Ballona Wetlands portion of the Santa Monica Bay Watershed.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated April 24, 2006 for this item.

4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state laws and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 24th day of April, 2006 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director